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Subj: BAH ENTITLEMENTS OF MEMBERS WITH DEPENDENTS WHO ARE STATIONED IN ALASKA AND HAWAII

Ref: (a) E-Mail ALPERSRU X/96

- (b) COMDT (G-WPM) MSG R101637Z SEP 99 (NOTAL)
- (c) ALCOAST 109/99
- (d) Coast Guard Pay Manual, COMDTINST M7220.29 (series)

Introduction

This E-mail ALPERSRU clarifies BAH entitlements of members with dependents when stationed in Alaska or Hawaii.

Discussion

Reference (a) published VHA entitlement rules for members stationed in Alaska or Hawaii in cases where the member's dependents did not reside in the vicinity of the member's duty station.

Effective 1 January 1998, VHA was discontinued and replaced by BAH. In conjunction with this, the Department of Defense has recently published new rules governing entitlement to BAH.

BAH entitlement when assigned to a ship/afloat unit

Under reference (b), members with dependents assigned to a ship or afloat unit in Alaska or Hawaii, who are <u>not</u> assigned to family government quarters, are entitled to BAH at the rate prescribed for the homeport of the ship or afloat unit. If the member is assigned to an unusually arduous sea duty unit, as defined in reference (c), the member may request approval from Commandant (G-WPM-2) to receive the BAH rate for the location of the member's dependents in lieu of the BAH rate prescribed for the homeport of the vessel.

BAH entitlement when assigned to a shore unit

Members with dependents assigned to a shore unit in Alaska or Hawaii are entitled to BAH at the rate prescribed for the member's permanent duty station if the member's dependents reside with the member and family government quarters are not assigned. If the member's dependents do not reside with the member, the member's BAH entitlement is based on the rules in the table on the next page.

Action

PERSRUs shall follow the rules in this ALPERSRU in determining which zip code to record on BAH start/change transactions (Action Code P 606).

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How to determine BAH entitlement

This table shows BAH entitlements for members with dependents in cases where:

- (1) the member is assigned to a shore unit in Alaska or Hawaii; and
- (2) the member's dependents do not reside with the member.

If a member with dependents is	And the member is	and	then the member is entitled to	to start BAH, PERSRU shall
stationed at a shore station in Alaska or Hawaii, and his/her dependents do not reside at or near the location of the member's duty station	NOT authorized to move dependents to the duty station at government expense	Government quarters are NOT available for assignment to the member	two BAH entitlements: BAH at the with dependent rate for the location where the dependents reside, AND BAH at the without dependent rate for the location of the permanent duty station	send E-Mail request to HRSIC (MAS) requesting that dual BAH allowances be started
		Government quarters ARE available for assignment to the member	BAH at the with dependent rate for the location where the dependents reside	submit P606 showing zip code of dependents' locale
	Authorized to move dependents to the duty station at government expense (this includes cases where dependents voluntarily depart prior to completion of a member's tour of duty)	Government quarters are NOT available for assignment to the member	BAH at the with dependent rate for the location of the permanent duty station	submit P606 showing zip code of permanent duty station
		Government quarters ARE available for assignment to the member	BAH at the with dependent rate for the location where the dependents reside	submit P606 showing zip code of dependents' locale

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Directives Affected

Commandant (G-WPM-2) advises that these new BAH rules will be published in Change 15 to reference (d), scheduled for release in November

or December 1999.

Questions Questions may be directed to the HRSIC Customer Service Team at

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Released by

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